



LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, December 2, 2003
Los Altos Main Library
13 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Thurber called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Thurber, and Commissioners Gerich, McNulty Winkler and Dr. Takle Quinn.
Absent: Vice-Chair Iskow and Commissioners Johnson and Lopez
Also Present: County Librarian Melinda Cervantes, Donna Drako, and City of Los Altos Liaison Donna Legge. Two high school were present.

MINUTES

COMMISSIONER TAKLE QUINN MOVED that the minutes of November 4, 2003 be approved as amended. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GERICH AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Amendments: Correct spelling of the name Elayne Dauber under Public Comment. "Silicon Valley Reads program" and amend to "\$42 annually for seven years" in the County report made by Sarah Flowers.

REPORTS

Cheryl Houts, Community Librarian

Cheryl explained that the Library has recently focused on facility issues including the cleaning of the carpets, windows, and children's picture book area sofas. A front trellis post has been replaced after a car hit it. Cheryl announced upcoming events and library attractions including two art lectures, book discussion and meetings by the Mystery Book Club and Great Book Club. The children's librarians hosted a Walter the Giant Storyteller in celebration of Children's Book Week. Larry Condit has been appointed as a full time Adult Reference Librarian. Teresa Parham will be the new Teen/Adult Reference Librarian. Tatyana Yeroshkina is a new half time coded page and Ngoc Nguyen is an Intermittent Library Page.

Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian

Melinda announced that Ray Bradbury's "Fahrenheit 451" is the 2004 winner of the Silicon Valley Reads: One Book. One Community. Countywide related events will begin in February. Cheryl

announced that she was hoping to coordinate a visit by Ray Bradbury on either February 24 or 25 at a local venue such as Los Altos high School or another large facility. Melinda stated that the California Library Association held its annual conference in Ontario in November. Efforts are being made to host a gathering with Assemblyman Joe Simitian at the Los Altos library. The Library JPA will be hosting a public hearing on the parcel tax election December 3.

Donna Drako, Friends of the Library

Donna announced that the Friends raised \$5,129 at the Holiday Book Sale held on November 15 at the library. A Los Altos/Los Altos Hills Committee that supports the campaign will be meeting on Dec 3 at 7:30 p.m. to set up a plan and give assignments. Commissioners are encouraged to attend. The campaign kick-off will be held at headquarters located in Santa Clara on December 6 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. The Friends decorated a Christmas tree at the History Museum.

Dr. Karen Takle Quinn, LALE

Karen announced that LALE held a special event in November.

STAFF/COMMISSIONERS REPORTS

Joint Meeting with City Council

Chair Thurber reviewed the draft annual report and noted minor changes. The joint meeting is scheduled for January 13 at 6:00 p.m.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Donna Legge, Recreation Supervisor
Liaison to the Library Commission